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Docket: 0756-1984

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT Application of )  
Shunpei YAMAZAKI et al. )  
Based On Serial No. 08/938,310 ) Art Unit: 2811  
Which Was Filed: September 26, 1997 ) Examiner: F. Abraham  
For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND )  
FABRICATION METHOD )  
THEREOF ) Date: June 17, 1999

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please preliminarily amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Before the first sentence of the specification, insert - This application  
is a Division of application Serial No. 08/938,310, filed September 26, 1997;  
which itself is a Division of application Serial No. 08/513,090, filed August  
9, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 5,731,613--.